(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Land requisitioned for establishing Bahadurgarh arifield has since been reconveyed back to the erstwhile land owners or the successors in interest. Government has no claim to the material under runways, taxi tracks etc. or any other material lying on the land.

Adverse effects of fluoride in tooth pastes

1163. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any latest study to find if fluoride in tooth pastes is injurious to health; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However. Government is generating data both for and against addition of fluoride in tooth paste. A Committee has been proposed in order to advise the Government regarding the permissible limit of fluoride content in tooth paste.

Passenger amenities on national highways

1164. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited offers from private parties for the establishment/management of passenger oriented wayside amenities along the national highways and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the number of offers received so far and the names of the places for whch the offers were received;

(c) whether land and other amenities are to be provided by Government to the prospective entrepreneurs and if so, what are the details therof; and

'd) whether Government have decided to extend the date of the said proposal due to non-receipt of adequate number of applications, and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The proposed amenities are in the form of Parking Lot. Eating Places, Toilet, Drinking Water, Rest Rooms, First Aid, Telephone Booths, Petrol Pumps, Minor repair shops etc. These facilities are intended to be set up at intervals of about 100 KM in a phased manner and to begin with along high density corridors of the National Highways where such facilities are not existing. 52 offers received for the places are yet to be processed for taking a final view. Though the cost of these facilities is propose to be shared by Ministry of Surface Trasport and Ministry of Tourism, selective involvement of private sector participation is also contemplated. The private parties will have to manage their own resources to create and run these facilities. If need be the Central Government will assist the parties in acquiring the land by writing to the authorities concerned. The last date for receipt of offers of 2-3-1987 was subsequently extended to 2-4-1987.

Astro-truf for playing hockey

1165. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the major causes of the dismal performance of our national hockey team is that adequate number of astro-turf hockey playing surfaces are not available to our players;

(b) if so, what is Government's proposal in regard to providing enough number of astro-turf grounds in

all the major hockey playing centres in the country; and

(c) what is the financial assistance proposed to be given, and to how many centres in different States for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Government have launched a plan scheme which provides for laying of artificial hockey turfs at suitable sites in the country. Fifty per cent of the cost of laying of such turfs, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs in each case, will be met by the Central Government. The balance cost is to be met by the State Governments or the user agencies concerned. One such turf at Lucknow has already been sanctioned by the Government. The actual number to be sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan period will depend on valid proposals received from the State Governments or user agencies. In addition, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports will be laying three such turfs—one each at Bangalore, Calcutta and Gandhinagar fully at its cost.

It is true that in the modern game of hockey, practice of playing on synthetic artificial turfs is an important factor in determining performance, besides skill, endurance, fitness, etc.

Opening of school in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

1166. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to open a primary/secondary school in Government Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A proposal for starting a Middle School is under consideration of Delhi Administration. It is being proposed under the scheme of Minimum Needs Programme.

Demurrage charges paid by importers at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

1167. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the importers are required to pay the demurrage charges when their cargo is held up for want of necessary action on the part of Customs/IAAI officials at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of "detention certificates" issued during 1986-87 and those honoured by the airport authorities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi; and

(c) what are the monthly figures of demurrage charges collected at this airport during 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In cases, where unconditional detention certificates are issued by competent Customs Authorities for bonafide purposes, remission of 80 per cent of the demurrage charges is granted. In the case of analytical tests, 100 per cent waiver of demurrage charges for the certified period of detention is allowed, provided the importers did not have the option to clear the goods under bond.